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1. REVIEW OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN REFTEL HAS LED US TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER ANALYSIS OF ROADBLOCKS IMPEDING PROCESSING OF DETAINEE CASES. OUR FINDINGS CONFIRM COMMENT IN SANTIAGO 6750 THAT MOST IMPORTANT TIME LOSS AT SANTIAGO END OF PAROLE OPERATION COMES FROM GOC SECURITY CHECK. WE ARE RENEWING OUR EFFORTS TO GET QUICKER ACTION. DEPARTMENT MAY FIND USEFUL FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS PROBLEM.

2. CHECKS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON ALMOST ALL REQUESTS MADE TO LOCAL GOC AGENCIES BEFORE OCTOBER 9. AS OF OCTOBER 24, THERE WERE 92 REQUESTS OUTSTANDING -- 17 CASES OF PERSONS DETAINED IN CHILE, AND 75 OF CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU. THESE FIGURES ARE FOR PRINCIPALS ONLY; CHECKS HAVE TO BE DONE ALSO ON FAMILY MEMBERS, SO THAT THE TOTAL WORK INVOLVED IS CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN INDICATED BY THESE FIGURES. GOC AGENCIES INVOLVED INFORM US THEY EXPECT TO SUPPLY US WITH INFORMATION ON MOST OUTSTANDING CASES TODAY (OCTOBER 28).

3. REQUESTS FOR SECURITY CHECKS ARE MADE USING A PREPARED FORM PREPARED BY CONSULAR SECTION; THE FORM LISTS STANDARD BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS. ON RECEIPT OF FORM FROM
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CONSULATE, EMBASSY SAME DAY SENDS BY COURIER ONE COPY TO CIVIL

POLICE LIAISON AND ONE COPY TO NATIONAL SECURITY LIAISON, WHICH MAKE INDEPENDENT CHECKS OF VARIOUS FILES UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION-- RESPECTIVELY THEREE AND FIVE FILES. RESULTS ARE SENT TO EMBASSY BY COURIER, AND ON TO CONSULATE IF POSSIBLE ON DAY RECEIVED.

4. ALL GOC FILE CHECKS ARE DONE BY HAND, AND FILE CLERKS ARE HARD PRESSED WITH OTHER BUSINESS. CIVIL POLICE REPORTEDLY HANDLE SOME 2,500 NAME CHECK REQUESTS OF VARIOUS TYPES A DAY. NATIONAL SECURITY LIAISON TELLS US IT HAS BEEN INUNDATED BY REQUESTS FROM CANADIAN AND OTHER EMBASSIES AND HAS ASKED US TO DEFER SENDING ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR TEN DAYS SO THAT THEY CAN CLEAN UP BACKLOG.

5. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO EXPEDITE HANDLING OF THESE REQUIRED SECURITY CHECKS, AND WILL CAREFULLY MONITOR PACE OF PROCESSING BY GOC AGENCIES. NUMBER OF CASES ON WHICH INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED THIS WEEK IS HOPEFUL SIGN. DEPT. WILL RECOGNIZE THAT PROCESSING MODALITIES LIE OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL, BUT WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COOPERATIVE SPIRIT NAMIFESTED BY GOC POLICE AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES.
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